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Karapet Ablabutyan, et al
Application No.: 09/811,237
Attorney Docket No.: 23451-037
Filed: March 15, 2001
For: **UNITARY LIFTGATE**

Group Art Unit: 3652
Examiner: James W. Keenan

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

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This Amendment and Response to Final Office Action and Request for Continued Examination is directed to the Final Office Action mailed January 9, 2004. Please reconsider the above identified application for patent in view of amendments and remarks hereinafter.

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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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| Application Number | 09/811,237 |
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1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|------------------|---------------|------------------------|----------|
| Fee Code (\$) | Fee Code (\$) | | |
| 1001 770 | 2001 385 | Utility filing fee | |
| 1002 340 | 2002 170 | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 530 | 2003 265 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 770 | 2004 385 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 160 | 2005 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
| SUBTOTAL(1) (\$) | | | |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| | | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|---------------|--|----------------|-----------------|
| Total Claims | 50 | -20** = 30 | X 18 = 540.00 | |
| Independent Claims | 8 | -3** = 5 | X 86 = 430.00 | |
| Multiple Dependent | | | | = 0.00 |
| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description |
| Fee Code (\$) | Fee Code (\$) | | | |
| 1202 18 | 2202 9 | Claims in excess of 20 | | |
| 1201 86 | 2201 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 | | |
| 1203 290 | 2203 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid | | |
| 1204 86 | 2204 43 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent | | |
| 1205 18 | 2205 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | | |
| SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) | | 970.00 | | |

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

| Fee Code (\$) | Fee (\$) | Fee Code (\$) | Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|--|--|
| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 420 | 2252 | 210 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 950 | 2253 | 475 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,480 | 2254 | 740 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 2,010 | 2255 | 1,005 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 330 | 2401 | 165 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 330 | 2402 | 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 290 | 2403 | 145 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,330 | 2453 | 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,330 | 2501 | 665 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 480 | 2502 | 240 | Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 640 | 2503 | 320 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 | 770 | 2809 | 385 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| | | 1810 | 770 | 2810 | 385 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) |
| | | 1801 | 770 | 2801 | 385 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) |
| | | 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application |
| | | | | | 770.00 |
| | | | | Other fee (specify) | |

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

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